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This book aims to investigate possible ways of realising a high quality of life combined with a sustainable way of living. The author studied the worldview, values and behaviour patterns of four long-existing communities: the Amish, Hutterite, Franciscan and Benedictine communities. These communities offer interesting values and principles that lead to a relatively low impact on the environment and a structure that helps to maintain their quality of life. Particularly their choice for moderation, community-life and reflective change are challenging principles that may stimulate sustainability in Western society.

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